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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004 (Paper No. 13), for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending July 21, 2004 was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing/Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.